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PRESIDENT WILSON BECOMES SHIP BUILDER IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Chief Executive of the United States Drives Rivet in First Steel Ship to be Built at Yards of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation—Mrs. Wilson Names Vessel "Gunston Hall" after Famous Virginia Mansion—Ship to be Completed in October—Eleven More to Follow—Congressman Carlin Presides—Distinguished Guests in Attendance.

President Wilson engaged in a new occupation yesterday—that of building ships—and being a Virginian by birth it was but natural that he should return to his native state to take up his new vocation. That he made a most excellent start and gave promise of becoming an expert in his line, was the verdict of all who saw him act well his part in Alexandria yesterday.

In the presence of hundreds of invited guests, including distinguished senators, representatives and other officials of the government as well as prominent people of Washington and Alexandria, President Wilson yesterday afternoon drove the first rivet in the keel of the first of twelve steel steamships that will be built in the yards of the Virginia Shipbulding Corporation in this city for the United States.

"I haven't my card, but I suppose it will be all right," remarked the President to Mr. Charles W. Morse, just after he had finished his part of the work.

"Yes," replied Mr. Morse, "I don't think any one will object."

The hearty cheers that were given the President a moment or two afterward by the big crowd indicated that all were highly pleased with the expert manner in which he had carried out his part of the motto adopted by the shipbuilding corporation of "More Tons—Less Huns."

A few moments before the President drove the rivet, the first lady of the land was accorded the honor of naming the ship. Placing her hand upon the vertical steel plate of the keel, Mrs. Wilson said: "I christen thee Gunston Hall."

The ship will pass into history as a famous craft for the triple reason that it was given its name by the wife of the President of the United States and that it was named after the historic Virginia home of George Mason, author of the Bill of Rights, and will be the first great ocean-going steamship to be launched on the Potomac river at this place.

Arrival of Presidential Party.

The Presidential party arrived at the shipyards at 3:35, motoring over from Arlington cemetery, where the President had attended Decoration Day exercises. They were met by Representative Charles C. Carlin upon their arrival at the shipyards, who presided as master of ceremonies, also Senator Martin, of Virginia, and Mr. Colin H. Livingstone, president of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation. As soon as the automobiles containing the party were seen to enter the yards the big siren whistle located on the top of the fabricating building sent forth a loud welcome which could have been heard for miles.

Mr. Carlin at once escorted the President and Mrs. Wilson upon the gaily decorated concrete ways where the keel plate was in readiness to be placed in position. Workmen soon had the red hot rivet ready. Superintendent Charles Andrews had personally seen to the work of having it properly heated and it was quickly passed by Mr. R. B. Wallace, the manager of the big plant, to Mr. Robert Mooney, rivet foreman, who placed it in position. Mr. William Sims, a shipfitter, held the "holder-on hammer" against the the head of the bolt on the opposite side. The pneumatic gun, as it is termed, was placed in the President's hands and as he pressed his thumb on the trigger the loud rat-a-tat-tat of the little trip-hammer announced that the rivet was being speeded home to its resting place. Suddenly the President's thumb slipped off. "Keep on," said Mr. Mooney. The thumb went quickly back to its place and the job was completed in much less time than is required to tell it here. The rivet driven by the President fastens the vertical plate to the horizontal plate in the keel and was about four inches in length.

Mrs. Wilson, who stood close by, smilingly turned to Assistant Treasurer R. W. Much and remarked: "The President did very well, didn't he?" "Yes," replied Mr. Much, "he is all right."

Asked if a picture might be taken of him, the President said: "Yes, I am not camera-shy." An effort was made by the camera man of the Hearst-Pathe Service to get some pictures, but it is not thought that he was successful in securing one of the President in the act of driving the rivet, although it is reported that pictures were made of the crowd in general and various buildings on the grounds.

Exercises Simple and Brief.

There was no speaking and the entire exercises were quickly at an end. Just before leaving the ways to return to their automobiles, the American Indian Guard band, which was stationed near, played the "Star Spangled Banner," after which President Colin H. Livingstone, of the shipbuilding corporation, called for cheers for the President and Mrs. Wilson, which were given with a will by the crowd, following which the Presidential party started on the homeward trip to Washington. They were accompanied by the usual number of secret service officials who carefully guarded the party on the journey to and from Alexandria.

After the departure of President and Mrs. Wilson, who were unable to remain for a longer period, refreshments including some delicious punch, of a brand strictly in keeping with Virginia's temperance law, also sandwiches and cigars, were served to many of the guests from Washington in the administration building.

Among the more prominent of those who witnessed the ceremonies of laying the keel were: The Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives; former Speaker Joe Cannon, Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia; Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, chairman of the Waterways committee; Charles W. Morse, of New York, president of the United States Steamship Company, of which the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation is a subsidiary company; Milton J. Lambert, a director of the company; E. A. Morse, president of the Groton Iron Works, of Groton, Conn.; Lieut. Col. Robert

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

There was no session of the Police Court this morning.

Edward T. Quinn, of this city, has been made a sergeant in Company C, training detachment, located at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

The Junior Red Cross is holding an exhibition from 2:30 to 6 o'clock today in the auditorium of the High school. The schools represented are St. Mary's Academy, Lee, Washington, West End and the High school.

Mrs. C. E. Goodwyn, who is with her mother, Mrs. L. W. Corbett, during Colonel Goodwyn's absence abroad, left today for Newport News for a short visit to her brother, Charles Corbett, who is sailing shortly for France.

The will of the late Mrs. Marietta Adams, admitted to probate yesterday, left her estate to her three sons, Charles M., Lewis M., and Ephriam M. Adams, with the exception of $200 to the First Baptist church. The first-named qualified as executor.

Corp. Charles E. Hayden, who left here with the Alexandria Light Infantry on the 23d day of September, 1917, for Camp McClellan, was later transferred to Co. L, 116th Infantry. After being in that company for about seven months he voluntarily gave up his commission as corporal for overseas duty, but instead of going across he was sent to Camp Wadsworth with other men where he was attached to M company 2d Pioneer Infantry for about a month, and lately assigned to D company 1st Pioneer Infantry. After being in that command for about a week he was appointed to third ranking line sergeant. Readers of The Gazette will be glad to learn that the Alexandria boys are getting along well.

Marshall L. Dinwiddie has sold to F. L. Plitt a house and lot on King street, between West and Harvard streets.

The regular annual May festival of Christ Church Sunday school will be held in the Parish hall of the church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Landon Jackson, of Blackstone, Va., is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Professor and Mrs. S. A. Wood, at their home in North Washington street.

Yesterday a committee from Alexandria Lodge No. 758, B. P. O. Elks placed wreaths on the graves of deceased members, in accordance with their annual custom.

In the Corporation Court final decrees for divorce on the ground of desertion were entered in chancery causes of Horace T. Henry vs. Mattie Henry, and James D. Webster vs Bertha V. Webster.

The annual Memorial Day exercises were held yesterday at the Alexandria National cemetery. In the forenoon Supt. John A. Reeves placed flowers and a small United States flag on each of the graves, 3,566 in number. In the afternoon the memorial addresses were delivered by J. Clinton Hiatt, commander of W. B. Cushing Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Washington, and Representative John R. Farr, of Pennsylvania; A. Van Ness Burst, of Cushing Camp, presided and the Rev. Raymond W. White, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, invoked the blessing and pronounced the benediction. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by Willard P. Graves, and hymns were sung by a volunteer choir under the direction of Miss Lucy Graves. Miss Dora Varney sounded taps.

Mrs. Carroll E. Payne, 32 years of age, died yesterday morning at her home at Accotink, and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from Woodlawn Baptist church. The deceased is survived by her husband and six children.

The Rev. Augustine Jacquelin Smith, aged 61 years, of Maryland, died yesterday in the Alexandria hospital. He was a brother of Dr. William Morgan Smith, of this city. The funeral will be held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon from the home of his sister, Mrs. Everett R. Todd, 1630 Nineteenth street northwest, Washington, D. C.

The second of the series of dances under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Old Dominion Boat Club will be held tomorrow night in the clubhouse, on the river front, between Prince and Duke streets. These dances will be given the first and third Saturdays during the summer, and a portion of the proceeds will be devoted to Red Cross work. The committee in charge of these dances issued invitations before the first dance, which include all of the series. Admission is by invitation only.

The Grand Jury met again this morning and adjourned until three o'clock this afternoon. In the meantime, in company with Chief Goods, City Engineer Dunn and Health Officer Dr. E. A. Gorman and his assistant, Dr. J. J. Garvey, they made a tour of inspection of the city for the purpose of investigating its sanitary condition. Mr. Howard W. Smith, president of the Common Council, and Mr. F. F. Marbury, president of the Board of Aldermen, have been summoned to appear before the jury this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

FINED FIFTY DOLLARS

Two Young Women Charged With Lascivious Conduct Before the Police Court Last Night.

As was stated yesterday, United States Commissioner Woolls dismissed the charge of conducting a house of ill-fame which had been preferred aaginst Mary Beard and Agnes Posey and turned the accused over to the civil authorities in order that the women could be arraigned for lascivious conduct. The investigation of the case came before the Police Court at 7 o'clock yesterday evening. More than the usual number of spectators were present and there was some interest shown in the matter.

Two soldiers were the witnesses for the prosecution, and the women acknowledged that their evidence was true.

The minimum penalty for lasciviousness is $50, but the repetition of such offenses makes the penalty much greater.

Agnes Posey paid the fine imposed upon her, but the Beard woman failed to meet the assessment and she will spend the next ninety days in jail.

LAST WISH TO KISS FLAG

Witness to Lynching of Allen Testifies to Victim's Plea to Mob.

Edwardsville, Ill., May 31—The last request of Robert Paul Prager, enemy alien, that he be permitted to kiss the American flag, was granted, according to testimony given today in the trial of eleven men charged with the lynching.

Albert Kneedler, a recruit from Jefferson Barracks, who appeared in the courtroom in uniform, declared that Prager's request came after he had been permitted to pray and to write a fare-well note, and that a flag was handed to him by Wesley Beaver, one of the defendants.

"He kissed it and then they hanged him," said the witness.

Kneedler declared that Prager had been forced to remove his shoes and walk a mile to his death in his bare feet.

Witnesses called at today's session identified as members of the mob all the eleven defendants except two.

Washington Hall for Sale.

The property known as Washington Hall, with large frontage on King street and entrance on Washington street, is for sale. Attractive proposition for apartments or offices. Apply to M. L. Horner, 612 King street.

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CONTEST DRAFT LAW

Nine Slackers, Armed in Mountains, to Fight Sheriff.

Montgomery, Ala., May 31.—Hiding in the mountains near Rockford, Coosa county, are nine slackers and one army deserter, who armed with rifles said to have been shipped into them in a coffin box, are defying arrest.

These men are not pro-Germans. They are Watsonites, their parents having been followers of Tom Watson and his paper, the Jeffersonian, which several months ago was suppressed by the government. Their creed is "We'd rather be shot at home than in Europe."

The deserter is Ira Culvert, a drafted man, whose aged father said he would rather have his son shot at home than die of pneumonia at Camp Gordon. The son was sick at Camp Gordon, and when he recovered he deserted and took refuge with the slackers in caves near his home.

WOMEN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Trampled Under Foot in Air Raid Panic at Mannheim, Germany.

Geneva, May 31.—Eighteen women and children were trampled to death and a number of persons were injured in a panic which followed an aerial raid alarm, sounded at midday in Mannheim, Wednesday, according to a dispatch received here. The streets were crowded when the alarm was given and a wild rush for shelter ensued.

It developed later that the warning signals were caused by the sighting of a squadron of German aviators returning to their base near Mannheim.

AIRPLANE SHOT DOWN

German Machines Fail to Penetrate Curtain of Fire, But Bombs Are Dropped in Suburbs.

Paris, May 31.—An enemy airplane was brought down by French anti-aircraft guns during an attempted raid on Paris Wednesday night. None of the German machines was able to fly over the city. A few bombs were dropped in the suburbs.

German airplanes were not able to penetrate the French defense of Paris Several points behind the battle line, however, were bombed by the enemy.

Notice.

The M. Schuler Beef Company requests all their patrons and passbook customers indepted to them to come forwar dand settle their accounts, as their books will be closed on June 5, 1918. Accounts may be paid at 1005 King street.

M. Schuler Beef Company.

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SENSATIONAL DETAILS

Far-Reaching German Plot Against the United States Revealed.

San Francisco, May 31—Sensational details amplifying recent revelations of the German rebellion plot against the United States were given out here yesterday by Nicholas Korngold, formerly special investigator with the Department of Justice.

Information he says he gleaned from the arch-plotters themselves, as far back at 1912 and 1913, includes:

Locations where the German rifles and ammunition were stored.

Plans for mobilizing 250,000 German reservists in the United States.

Plotted revolt in Panama and Colombia, with the object of seizing and blowing up the Panama Canal.

An intrigue to start a revolt in Yucatan, in Eastern Honduras, and to establish a German submarine base in the Caribbean.

A military expedition against Canada from this country.

The fact that Korngold speaks most of the important European languages, added to his remarkable knack of changing his identity permitted him to worm his way easily into the confidences of the German agents. In the belief that he was one of them, heart and soul, these conspirators freely divulged the inner secrets of their mission in the western hemisphere and gave him information of the greatest value to the United States authorities.

LIGHTNING KILLS A GIRL

Three-Year-Old Child Slain and Father Hurt by Bolt.

Summit Hill, Pa., May 31.—During a terrific electrical storm which swept over the Mahoning Valley, lightning struck the barn owned by Odillion Gilbert, burning it to the ground, and killing Mr. Gilbert's three-year-old daughter, besides injuring Mr. Gilbert, who was in the barn with his little daughter when the lightning struck it.

At Palmerton, damage to the extent of $20,000 was done by the storm, and a section of the Lehigh Canal between Palmerton and Walnutport was washed out.

"The Devil's Needle."

A story full of action and containing some of the best acting to be seen on the screen stage will be told in the pictures to be shown at the Grand Theater tomorrow in "The Devil's Needle." Norma Talmadge and Tully Marshall take the leading parts.

HUNS CAPTURE TOWNS

Rheims Still in Hands of Allies, Though Forts on Northwest Have Fallen to Foe.

Paris, May 31.—The Germans have taken the towns of Fere-en-Tardenois and Vezilly, the war office announces in its night communique.

Fere-en-Tardenois lies eight miles north of the Marne, fourteen miles southeast of Soissons and fifty-four miles northeast of Paris. It is on the Rheims-Paris railway. Vezilly lies a little more than ten miles to the southeast of Fere-en-Tardenois and a little more than six miles north of the Marne.

The following communique from General Pershing was made public by the War Department last night:

"Headquarters American Expeditionary Force, May 30.—Section A—The enemy has been again completely repulsed by artillery fire and infantry action in attacks against our new position near Cantigny. Artillery fighting continues actively there and in Lorraine, where it includes the use of gas shells.

"There is nothing else of importance to report."

Berlin, May 31.—"A new French army in course of formation broke down under the German attacks," the war office announces, "and was thrown back after stubborn resistance as far as, and across the line, Ville Centoire-Fere-en-Tardenois-Coulognes - Brouillet-Branscourt."

The forts in front of Rheims and the northern parts of La Neuvillette and Betheny have been captured, the statement says.

Betheny is about one mile north of Rheims, and La Neuvillette slightly more than a mile to the northwest of the city's outskirts. The following statement shows the investment of the French cathedral city is under way. Since the forts have fallen the city's evacuation, though probably not until after a bitter delaying battle as at Soissons, appears inevitable.

Berlin, May 31.—More than thirty-five thousand prisoners have been taken, the war office announces.

The booty is described as "tremendous." Guns of every description, including railway guns of the heaviest caliber were captured, the statement says, adding, 'the impetuous advance of our attacking troops prevented the enemy from carrying back rich war provisions heaped up in large depots in the captured territories."

Call for Y. M. C. A. War Workers

Dear Friends:

The Y. M. C. A. must have many workers in the next few months. Virginia is called upon for over two hundred. I trust Alexandria will do her part as she always does. The work may be in camps here or in Europe. It is a grand work. It is an urgent call to the service from God and man. The age must be between thirty-one and fifty. Let any one willing to consider this splendid opportunity for service see me for particulars and allowances. We need clergymen, educators, auto mechanics, practical builders, etc.

Alexandrians do something in this great cause.

Faithfully yours,
J. K. M. Norton,
Chairman,
Alexandria City.

R. Walton Moore to Be Aide

General Counsel Payne, of the railroads administration, announces the appointment of R. Walton Moore, a leading Virginian, as his assistant. Mr. Moore has for some time been representing railways of the South before the Interstate Commerce Commission. In his new capacity he will have charge of railroad administration matters coming before the Commerce Commission and will devote all of his time to the railroad administration's work.

In Memoriam.

Sacred to the memory of our dear husband and father, Thomas Blair, who departed this life two years ago today, May 31, 1916.

Two years have passed since that sad day,
When the one we loved was called away;
God took him home—it was his will,
But in our hearts he liveth still.

By his devoted Wife and Daughter, Mrs. Cecelia Blair and Mrs. Virginia Gaines.

Candidate For Council.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Common Council from the First ward.

W. H. M'CAFFREY.

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M'ADOO BANS STRIKES

Warns Railroad Men Such Acts are Blow at Government.

Railroad employes were reminded by Director General McAdoo last night that they were employes of the United States in time of war, and that a strike means a blow at their own government and the hampering of transportation essential to protect the hundreds of thousands of American boys fighting on the battlefields of Europe.

In a telegram to the heads of all labor unions having shopmen among their members, Mr. McAdoo gave notice that the government cannot be coerced or intimidated, and called upon railroad men to remain at their duty and rely upon him and the new board of railroad wages and working conditions for just consideration of their claims. He asked the union leaders to urge upon their men by wire the wisdom and patriotism of this cause.

"The strike of certain shopmen, machinists and others," says Mr. McAdoo's telegram, "in the railroad shops at Alexandria, Va., has created a very painful impression on the public mind. I cannot believe that these men knew what they were doing. They are all employes now of the United States government. They are not employes of any railroad corporation, therefore this was a strike against the government of the United States.

"It is the first time in the history of our government that any of its employes have attempted a strike against their government."

Must Serve at Home.

More than 200,000 men of draft age, who because of minor physical defects, are unable to see actual service abroad, will shortly be placed in service to release able-bodied men for unlimited military service, according to announcement by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The first call under the new ruling has been forwarded by General Crowder to governors of states for upward of 9,000 men for limited military service. They will be used in the production of spruce for airplanes.

Up to and including June 6 the men may volunteer for their choice of work, but after that date they will be taken into the service by involuntary induction.

No More Bottled Booze.

Baltimore, May 31.—The Metzerott bar and bottle bill will go into effect tomorrow.

This is designed to end the abuses which have arisen since Washington and other places went dry, due to persons going to Baltimore and other "wet" towns, obtaining liquors and becoming disorderly on trains going back to their homes.

The law forbids the sale of liquors containing more than 4 per cent of alcohol in bottles or receptacles for the purpose of being taken away, before 7 a. m. or after 6 p. m.

Drive Will Be Halted.

Zurich, May 31.—An official notice from grand headquarters, warning the people not to expect the advance to continue at the same rate it has for the past few days, is published in German newspapers today.

"The enemy's resistance is desperate," the notice continued. "Counter attacks are to be expected. Our losses have only been commensurate with the importance of the struggle."

Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Mrs. Alice Millan, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement with me, and all persons to whom said estate is indebted are requested to present their accounts properly certified for payment.

Lawrence Millan,
Administrator.

607 South Lee street, city.

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Notice.

The business formerly conducted by the late Julian F. Chauncey will be hereafter carried on under the name of Mrs. Julian F. Chauncey. The public and particularly former customers, are notified that the best quality of all kinds of meat and meat products will be handled and sold, and their patronage is respectfully solicited.

HELENA C. CHAUNCEY.

104-30t

Premium offered for Ford car with motor No. 1742990. I will pay a high premium for the above car on account of sentimental reasons. L. B. Hornaday, Chester, S. C. 127-6t

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WILSON ON THE "MUD"

The name of the area reclaimed by the filling in of old Baptising Cove is known locally as "the mud," this being the name given the forty acres by the boys of the neighborhood, who turned the ground into a baseball field as soon as it was reclaimed. Many persons in the southeastern section of the city still call it by that name, although the area has during the past few months been metamorphosed into a vigorous manufacturing center.

When the automobile bearing President Wilson shot out on "the mud" yesterday afternoon in the presence of the large assemblage of people representing Alexandria, Washington officialdom and nearly every state in the Union, numbers of old Alexandrians born and reared in that locality lapsed into soliloquies when they attempted to realize the changes of the past few months.

Who would have dreamed a decade ago that the slimy cove, mostly covered by waukapins was destined to become terra firma upon which the President of the United States, Senators and Congressmen would meet to participate in ceremonies incident to laying the keel of a steel, ocean-going steamship? Such is another illustration of the unexpected. President and Mrs. Wilson were there smiling and returning the salutes of the thousands who had assembled.

During the early part of the day it was not known positively that the President would be able to attend the exercises, although the officials of the shipbuilding plant were ready in case he should strain a point and be with Alexandria on the most important occasion in the city's history. As there was a probability of Mr. Wilson utilizing the "Mayflower" in case he found it possible to come to Alexandria, a landing stage, bedecked with the national colors, had been erected on the plant extending beyond the channel bank for his convenience. He, however, came in his automobile, accompanied by motorcyclists and secret service men in machines, who kept close to that occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Their course was down Fairfax to Wilkes street, thence to Lee leading to the plant. The return trip was made over the same ground.

An account of the scenes at the plant appears elsewhere in The Gazette. Hundreds of automobiles were used in transporting visitors to and from the scene, while people swarmed to the southeastern section between 3 and 4 o'clock, most of whom could not get in to the plant. More people appeared in the locality yesterday than at any other time in the city's history. Lee and Fairfax streets were densely thronged for several hours, while the honk of automobiles passing and repassing each other was continuous.

A powerful siren whistle has been placed at the plant, and yesterday when the Presidential party made their appearance it emitted loud blasts as the assemblage cheered. Later the people stood with bared heads while the band in attendance discoursed the "Star-Spangled Banner."

It was truly Alexandria's fete day of which every one interested in the city is justly proud.

GRAND JURY MAKES TOUR

The grand jury of the Corporation Court, which has been engaged this week in taking evidence in regard to the sanitary condition of the city, made a personal inspection this morning, and after visiting different localities adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The work in which they have been engaged is imperative at this time, as we have already had a sample of torrid weather, but the temperature will be still higher after the summer solstice, when typhoid and malarial fever will be in season. A few years ago at least fifty cases of the first-named malady were reported in this city during the summer, some of which proved fatal.

Many places in Alexandria always need attention, but more so now, when an increased population is locating here. In many cases it is necessary to rent houses in localities where nuisances are chronic and where sewer connections have been neglected.

Poisonous weeds flourish every year in certain neighborhoods, filling the air with dangerous effluvium. They are allowed to wax and wane and scatter seeds for next year's crop.

The grand jury has had their special attention directed to the square bounded by Lee, Union, Wilkes and Gibbon streets, which is the dumping ground of that section of the city. Conditions have been unsightly on this square for a third of a century, but it is decidedly unsanitary at present, and being but one square from the plant of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, measures should be taken at once to clean up the place. The northern half of this square is the property of the Southern Railway Company. The capstone of the wall at the east end of the tunnel is on the southern building line of Wilkes street, which obliterates the sidewalk from Lee to Union streets. All sorts of rubbish and refuse is cast upon this ground by people living nearby, until the exhalations are repugnant to passersby.

These nuisances, while not placed upon the ground by the railway company, are permitted to exist there, and if the company has no use for the hill—and they have owned it since 1873, only utilizing a few feet for a spur track of their road—it should be fenced in and not allowed to be the dumping ground for people living far and near.

"NO IRISH NEED APPLY."

At least three score years ago, when thousands of immigrants from the Emerald Isle landed in New York they immediately sought employment. At that time the New York Herald contained pages of small advertisements, some of which were headed "Help Wanted," but the last sentence of most of such advertisements bore the words, "No Irish need apply," which sent cold chills down the backs of the good people who had come to America to seek their fortunes. A well-known song at that time bore the words at the head of this article. It was generally rendered by a young woman in concert halls who represented an Irish peasant, and gave the experience of the honest immigrant who was in sore need of immediate employment.

The above was brought to our mind several weeks ago when children seemed to be a bar to many who have come to our city recently and who were seeking abodes among us. "No children" were the significant words to some advertisements of apartments to let.

At that time we called attention to scenes nineteen hundred years ago at an inn in the city of David, when the infant destined to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords was nestling upon His mother's bosom.

"There was no room for them in the inn" were the saddening words which confronted Mary and Joseph.

What are we to do with our children? is a pertinent query at this time. The little ones are the natural ties between parents, and we are told that their angels do always behold the face of our Father in heaven. More solemn words in this connection are also used—"Unless ye shall become converted (turned) and become as a little child ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven."

"No Children Allowed" signs must be removed by Seattle, Wash., landlords from their properties, according to J. W. Spangler, vice president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. He has issued an appeal to rooming house proprietors, hotel men and owners of rental properties, declaring that owing to the scarcity of quarters for shipyard workers and others engaged in war work the situation in Seattle is becoming alarming.

It would be well if similar action were taken in other places.

ALMOST CAPTURED

French Premier Leaves Point on Front Just Before Uhlans Arrive.

Paris, May 31.—Premier Clemenceau had the narrowest possible escape from falling into German hands Wednesday, according to the Petit Journal. He left a certain point on the front only a few minutes before the arrival of a patrol of forty Uhlans.

When the Germans entered the little town the premier had just quit they cornered a few of the French who had remained, including a general who was examining positions with a field glass, the newspaper adds. The general was kiled in the encounter.

The premier again left Paris yesterday morning for the front.

PRESIDENT WILSON BECOMES SHIP BUILDER IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

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Park and Major Lannigan, of Camp Humphreys. Mayor Fisher, members of the City Council and other city officials of Alexandria were also in attendance.

World's Record in Construction.

That a world's record has been won by the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation in constructing its shipyards here is conceded. Yesterday was the eighty-fifth actual working day put in since the work began of constructing the plant, which is to be a permanent one, and the fourth concrete and steel shipyard to be built in the world, so far as is known. Fifteen hundred workmen are at present employed and within the next few months when the work is under full sway the officials yesterday stated that they would have at least seven thousand employes on their payroll. This will mean an annual disbursement of wages aggregating between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000.

The concrete ways and other cement work was put in by the Raymond Concrete Company of New York, and the contract for the erection of the buildings, many of which are of brick, was let to the Ley Company, of Springfield, Mass. No other shipyard is known to have been built in less than four months at the shortest. Three months ago the site on which the Alexandria yard now is located was practically swamp land which was originally given by grant by James II of England to the "Associated Adventurers of the City of London." The land has never been used for any purpose until now. The officials of the shipbuilding company state that 78 per cent of the concrete work necessary for the buildings and shipways to rest on is under ground because of the necessity of sinking so many piles to insure a permanent foundation. The entire work connected with the huge enterprise has been done under the personal supervision of Mr. B. W. Morse, eldest son of Mr. C. W. Morse, who is the vice president of the Virginia company.

President Wilson expressed himself as being highly pleased with the splendid progress which had been made in constructing the plant and with the permanent character of the buildings. Men in a position to know whereof they speak do not hesitate to pronounce the yard as the best built and equipped of any in the United States.

To Launch the Gunston Hall in October.

The Gunston Hall is to be completed and delivered to the government by October 1st. It measures 402 feet in length and is of 9,400 tons capacity. Another ship is to be started in June it is expected and all twelve of the present number of ships contracted for are to be finished by February 15, 1919.

Praise for Representative Carlin.

Assistant Treasurer R. W. Much and several of the other officials of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation were loud in their praise of the part Representative Carlin has taken in having the yards located in Alexandria. They are very frank to say that it has been almost entirely due to the efforts he put forth that the mammoth enterprise is here and that it will undoubtedly mean the doubling up of Alexandria's population, owing to the further fact that the yards are to be permanent and that the United States will be engaged in the building of ships for years to come.

A singular fact in connection with the name chosen by Mrs. Wilson for the new ship, that of Gunston Hall, the home of George Mason, is, that within a short distance of where the vessel will be launched into the water when she goes to help in the fight against the Huns, stands a marker placed to mark the line surveyed by him in running the lines of the District of Columbia many years ago.

Austro-German Treaty.

London, May 31.—Details of the proposed treaty between Germany and Austria-Hungary are made public in a dispatch from Milan.

It provides, among other things, that all able-bodied men must receive military instruction; that the two allies promise to use completely the forces of their people for military ends; that armament must be unified so that in future wars the Teuton allies can use the nearest depots; exchange of officers muse be so arranged that at any time a German officer may command an Austrian attachment and vice versa all war preparation must be made in common by the general staffs; the railway systems must be unified according to experience gained in this war.

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BRUTAL MURDER OF GIRL

Slayer Tells Hideous Story Implicating Man Who Fled With Him From Jail.

Lancaster, Pa., May 31.—Declaring that it was Albert Langer, a New York gunman, and not he, who cut the throat of Miss Elizabeth Lausch, of near Adamstown, last Saturday, Samuel Garner, convicted raper, has volentarily made a signed confession to District Attorney Hosterman and repudiated his statement that Langer and Frank Hurst, who escaped with him from jail, were in Philadelphia. His own words as to the foulest crime ever committed in Lancaster county, follow:

"We were walking alongside of each other when the girl came toward us. Langer up and hit her and then we carried her into the woods. We laid her down. Langer carried her under the arms and I carried her by the feet. Both of us assaulted her. When she made a noise Langer cut her throat with the razor I took at Haldeman's.

"Langer had charge of most of the things that had been stolen. The coat I took at Haldeman's was lying on the ground where I had put it and Langer covered her face with it. He did it roughly. He kind of threw it on. Then we went to meet Hurst. We had not got anything to eat. Langer thought the girl had money. He searched her. I do not know whether he got any money or not. He cursed while he was doing it."

SLAIN AND LEFT BEHIND

Boat Pilot's Grewsome Find Opens Murder Mystery.

Atlantic City, May 31.—Murdered many weeks ago, and buried facedown in the mud of the meadow along the Great Egg Harbor River, about five miles below the plant of the Bethlehem Loading Company, the body of an unidentified man was discovered yesterday by Joseph Norton, pilot for the loading company, while guiding a boat upstream. The find was reported immediately to County Physician Souder, who examined the corpse and pronounced death due to foul play. The back of the skull had been badly fractured by a blow from some weapon, several of the teeth were knocked out, and the victim's pockets had been turned inside out, leading to the belief that robbery was the motive for the crime.

The case was referred to Prosecutor Gaskill that a searching investigation may be made. There is, so far, no report of any missing resident of the towns adjacent to the river. The body was removed to Tuckahoe for immediate burial. When discovered by Pilot Norton, the skull and a part of the left arm were protruding from the mud, a few yards back from the river bank. The flesh had been entirely picked from the head and army by buzzards, making it impossible for Dr. Souder to determine with any degree of accuracy the age of the man. He was evidently a working man.

FISHING INDUSTRY HARD HIT

Virginia Steamers Haven't Men Enough to Man Them.

Heathville, Va., May 31.—Scarcity of labor is greatly hampering the operation of the fish oil and fertilizer factories on the Chesapeake Bay. The season opened Monday, but few of the fishing steamers had full crews. Some of the boats had to remain in harbor on account of not having a sufficient number of men to man them. The crews are being paid fabulous prices. The steamers that are out are making small catches.

The farm labor situation in the Northern Neck counties is even more serious, and the farmers are confronting a situation that is perplexing them. Many of the farmers who have seeded large crops probably will be unable to harvest them. In addition to the men that are being sent to the training camps, hundreds of the best young men are leaving these counties for employment in the cities.

TORE UP A FLAG CARD

Alien Foe Almost Mobbed Before Three Police Reach Him.

Atlantic City, May 31.—Accused of uttering invectives against the President and tearing up a card bearing an imprint of the American flag early yesterday morning, William Seidel, 49 years old, said by the police to be a German alien who came to the shore without Federal permission, was arrested by Captain Lippman and Patrolman Mathis.

Prior to the arrival of the police, Seidel had been attacked for his alleged seditious utterances by James Mueller, of Philadelphia, and was the center of an angry crowd. He was taken to the city jail, where the police found that he wore about his waist a sash of German colors and carried about $500 in cash, together with Liberty Bonds to the value of $200. He was held pending a hearing tomorrow before United States Commissioner Lewis.

P. E. COUNCIL ENDS SESSION

Election of Bishop Coadjutor Goes Over for Year.

Lynchburg, Va., May 31.—The work of the council of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Virginia closed Wednesday in order that the clergy might return to their parishes for Memorial Day to conduct war prayer services. Next year's session will be held at South Boston. A committee was named to report on the proposition to divide the diocese and for that reason the election of a bishop coadjutor went over for a year.

The following delegates were elected to the next general convention: Clergy, the Revs. D. W. Howard, E. P. Dandridge and J. Cleveland Hall; lay, C. S. Devant, C. S. Hutter, W. W. Old and W. F. Darley.

At night addresses were made by Bishops A. C. Thomson and James J. Chapman, the latter of Japan.

The report of the theological seminary near Alexandria shows twenty-three students have left to go to the army or navy and that the seminary June 6 will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary.

CONFESSED FOUR MURDERS

Copeland Shot Three in Washington and One in Galveston.

Herbert L. Copeland, colored, slayer of Police Lieut. David T. Dunigan and Policeman John A. Conrad, of the Sixth precinct, Washington, and Deputy Sheriff L. H. McParlan, of Charles County, Md., yesterday confessed to four murders.

Detective Beckley yesterday afternoon got the confession from Copeland. The prisoner, a patient in Casualty Hospital, was weak and unable to talk much above a whisper, and on account of his weakened condition he was not subjected to a lengthy interview.

Copeland admitted killing the three officers. He also admitted having shot and killed Charles Robinson, colored, in Galveston, Texas, several years ago.

The slaying of the officers, he admitted, was done with the same army pistol he used when he killed Robinson. He told Detective Beckley he bought the weapon from a negro in Galveston.

Slaughter of Prisoners

London, May 31.—Russian wireless dispatch says the central committee of Finnish workmen has protested against the terrorism of Finland by the white guard, stating that 70,000 persons, the majority of them social democrats, have been imprisoned and brutally treated. Of these 30,000 are civilians.

The wholesale slaughter of prisoners was begun by Finnish troops, assisted by the Germans. In one day the dispatch continues, 158 women prisoners were killed. Many sisters of mercy of the sacred guard were put to death without trial. Field court-martial are still condemning persons to death en masse, although the civil war is over. The Finnish proletariat calls out to the civilized world in the name of humanity to stop this terrorism.

U-BOATS IN GULF STREAM

Such is Report of Passengers on Steamer from Brazil.

An Atlantic Port, May 31.—U-boats are operating in the Gulf Stream, according to passengers who arrived today on a steamship from Brazil. Among those who spoke of the U-boat activities was Sir Leslie Drobyn, former governor of Barbados.

"On May 16," said Sir Leslie, "wireless reports received at Barbados told of two U-boats operating near Bermuda, and shortly after we left Barbados last Saturday we got word of the U-boats by wireless and put back. When we started north again we kept clear of the Gulf Stream where the Germans were reported to be operating and zigzagged all the way."

MUNITION TRAIN EXPLODES

Forty Persons Killed and Vast Havoc Wrought in Volga Region.

Moscow, May 31.—Forty persons were killed and damage amounting to 30,000,000 rubles was done through an explosion and fire on a munition train at Kazan station, in the Volga region recently. The train, filled with munitions for the southern front, blew up with a series of detonations after it had caught fire. The flames spread to nearby houses.

Seven warehouses and 350 railway cars, many of them loaded with merchandise, were burned.

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IS THE TAX RATE VALID?

Lawyers Disagree Over the Matter of Increase and When Effective.

New tax laws of the state are not in effect until the beginning of the next tax year. This is the claim that is being set up in many parts of the state. The measure was passed after February 1 of this year, the date on which assessments were made. The measure carried no "emergency" clause, and the contention is that as this makes a radical departure in the laws of the state it cannot, in the absence of the emergency provision become operative until ninety days after the final adjournment of the legislature. But there are distinguished lawyers who hold that the tax laws have to be perfected at each session, that they are not new statutes in the meaning of the term. The issue will in few days find its way to the attorney general for ruling. If the law is not effective this year, the tax increase will not be assessable until after this year, and the state revenues will be curtailed several hundred thousand dollars, affecting the schools, the roads and the prevention of tuberculosis, for which three purposes the increase was voted—Richmond Journal.

Monster U-Boat Sunk.

New York, May 31.—Two of the largest transports in the United States service have arrived here safely after being attacked by a German submarine of the latest "superdreadnaught" type. The crews tell the story of how the submarine was sunk by American destroyers when it attacked the transports in mid-ocean.

The submersible sought to deceive officers of the destroyers with a fake periscope, but just as they were preparing to fall for the ruse they spied the periscope of the real submarine, just emerging. She was a big one with six deck guns, two of them 8 or 9-inch caliber. She was said to have been one of the heaviest armed German submarines yet encountered.

As the submarine came up she was swinging into position to discharge a torpedo at the great transport. When she spied a destroyer she quickly submerged, but as she went down a depth bomb was sent to find her. There was a terrific explosion and shortly afterward a large mass of black oil floated on the surface, marking the place where she collapsed.

Ammunition Dump Blown Up.

With the American Army in France, May 30, 6 p. m.—Shells from American guns have blown up a large enemy ammunition dump north of Commercy. Several direct hits were made.

The dump first burst into flames and then exploded with a blast that could be heard for miles around.

For gallantry and bravery displayed during the action of April 1, Lieut. William B. Meyering, commander of a platoon of Company F, Twenty-third Infantry, today received the Distinguished Service cross from the hands of the deputy chief of staff.

During the attack, Meyering handled his men well until seriously wounded and was forced to return through a barrage to a dressing station from where he requested not to be moved until he knew the outcome of the attack. His wonderful example of bravery inspired his men, who beat off the enemy, none of them reaching our trenches.

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P. M.—12.00, 12.20, 12.40, 1.00, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 8.00, 8.20, 8.40, 9.00, 9.20, 9.40, 10.00, 10.20, 10.40, 11.00, 11.20, 11.40. A. M.—12.00.

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†Except Sundays.

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A. M.—†5.35, 6.55, 7.55, 8.55, 9.50, 10.25, 11.25.

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†Except Sundays.

YOUTHS ARE CALLED

Germany is Mobilizing Boys of the Seventeen-Year-Old Class.

To meet the drain that the duel of death imposes on her, Germany is mobilizing youths born in the first half of 1900—barely seventeen years old—say entente official reports. Her entire 1919 class already has been called out. Loss of men is disregarded in making the gains thus far obtained. While the loss of Soissons, plus other German gains, makes the situation more perilous for the allies, American and allied military men still look with confidence upon the final outcome.

Germany is, as before, sacrificing men ruthlessly for territory. Figures of present losses are vague and unsatisfactory, but reports as to the boche effort in Picardy recently show according to the French, that the cost was at least 500,000 men. One hundred and eleven divisions in Picardy and fifty in Flanders were demoralized and had to be reorganized in these two half successes, and it is estimated that counting repetitions the equivalent of 260 divisions were then thrown in. No German divisions are withdrawn from the fight until they have lost at least 2,000 men, officials declare.

THREE DIE IN AUTO WRECKS

Upset at High Speed Kills Two and Collision Another Victim.

York, Pa., May 31.—While on an automobile trip to Gettysburg yesterday afternoon, W. W. Arnold, 24 years old, and Charles Beaverson, 24 years, were killed, and Charles Berkheimer and Joseph Fowler were injured, the car in which they were riding turning over. Berkheimer was owner and driver of the car and lost control while traveling at a high speed. The automobile darted to the side of the road and when he turned the steering wheel too quickly the machine upset.

The occupants were pinned beneath the wrecked car. Arnold's head was crushed and glass from the broken windshield penetrated Beaverson's head, causing death shortly afterward.

GRACE LUSK DESPONDENT

"I Don't Want to Live," Says Woman Convicted of Murder.

Waukesha, Wis., May 31.—When Grace Lusk, convicted of murder in the second degree last Wednesday night, awoke today from a sleep induced by opiates, she moaned: "I don't want to live! I don't want to live!"

The conviction, which was for the killing of Mary Newman Roberts last June, carries a sentence of from 14 to 25 years' imprisonment. Owing to the prisoner's condition, however, Judge Lueck intimated that he would not pronounce sentence until Miss Lusk is more composed.

Meanwhile every instrument by which she might do herself injury has been removed from her cell and beyond her reach.

CHILDREN LEAVE PARIS.

One Thousand Sent to Central France as Bomb Menace Grows.

Paris, May 31.—The removal of children from Paris was begun yesterday morning, when 1,000 children from the Montmartre district of the city were placed on board a special train, bound for a vacation colony in the Department of Algier, in Central France.

This is the first action taken under a plan for removing Paris children from the possibility of harm from a long-range gun shell striking a school filled with pupils, as a church where worship was in progress was struck on Good Friday.

Lightning Kills Virginians.

Roanoke, Va., May 31.—Messages from Fincastle, Va., state that Mrs. W. J. Broomfield, wife of a prominent cattle raiser, and her five-year-old son, Fred, were killed by lightning Tuesday afternoon while standing under a cherry tree during a sprinkle of rain.

SHERIFF LOCKED UP

Carolina Officer is Charged With Violation of Espionage Act.

Greensboro, N. C., May 31.—Deputy Sheriff Wheeler Melton, of Bakersville, who has been arrested and held for the October term of the Federal court for alleged violations of the espionage act, is said to have been decidedly pro-German, both before and after the United States entered the war. It is reported that Melton had stated his willingness to have his body stuck ful of pine splinters and set fire if Germany could thereby win the war.

He also is alleged to have stated that he would rather live under the rule of Germany than that of the United States. A number of slackers are said to reside in Mitchell county, and the fact that they practically are immune from arrest is attributed to the influence that Melton has in the community.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK

Ship Torpedoed by Submarine in Mediterranean May 26—101 Lives Lost.

London, May 31.—One hundred and one lives were lost in the sinking of a submarine on May 26 of the British transport Leasowe Castle in the Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today. The captain, E. J. Hall, is among the victims. The statement follows:

"The transport Leasowe Castle, Capt. J. Hall, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine on May 26 in the Mediterranean. The following missing are presumed to have drowned:

"Military officers, 13.

"Others ranks, 79.

"Captain and two wireless operators.

"Other ratings, 6."

LIVE NEARLY NUDE IN WOOD

Man, Woman and Eight Children in Squalid Savagery.

Pottsville, Pa., May 31—Mrs. David Cunningham and Jacob Blew were today arrested in a forest near Greir City and brought to jail here.

They were found living in a freight car with eight small children, almost nude. One bed and a wood stove were the sole furniture of the car. The children climbed trees like monkeys when the officers approached, the scene presented resembling a chapter in "Tarzan of the Apes." All the children will be taken care of by the county. They were half starved when rescued. The mother is a widow. She and Blew will be prosecuted as nuisances.

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